



# PULLMAN CAR SERVICES

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## PULLMAN CAR HISTORY DIGEST



**Cover Photograph:** First Class Parlour MINERVA (II) as built in 1924, and prior to transfer to CIWL service in both Italy & France from 1925 to 1928.

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Running Name or Number	Schedule No. Pre1960/Post	Type	Service Date	Builder	Wheels	Roof Style	Dimensions Length x Width	Seating	Weight Tare	SECR Type	Route Restriction	Notes
Clementina	40	40	K 6/10	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	At that time Lord Dalziel owned the Pullman Car Company Ltd and was also Chairman of the CIWL. So it was no surprise that the first new British service he negotiated was with the SE&CR, to run his Pullman cars on their Charing Cross to Dover boat trains. Then Paris could be reached travelling in style in de-lux cars. The Pullmans were quite short and the first to have cut back vestibules, painted in SE&CR crimson lake, they normally ran in Kitchen and Parlour pairs (Couplage).
Emerald	41	32	K 6/10	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	
Regina	42	42	K 10/10	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	
Sapphire	43	43	P 10/10	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24F	31	(A)/G	1	
Palermo	44	44	P 10/10	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24F	31	(A)/G	1	
Shamrock	45	78	D 3/11	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24F	31	(A)/G	1	For the SE&CR Flushing boat service until WW1, in 1918 to the CR as DC Duchess of Gordon.
Myrtle	46	46	K 7/11	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	23F	41	-/H	6/2A	LB&SCR car to supplement the seven other 1908 "Southern Belle" cars.
Vivienne	47	31	P 7/11	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	28F	41	-/H	6/2A	"
Cosmo Bonsor	48	48	K 5/12	Cravens	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	32	(A)/G	1	Built for SE&CR coastal express trains. Cosmo Bonsor named after the SE&CR chairman.
Alicante	49	47	K 12/12	Cravens	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	32	(A)/G	1	" The trains ran via the two main SE&CR routes, Victoria-Margate-Ramsgate Harbour, and
Leghorn	52	41	P 12/12	Cravens	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24F	31	(A)/G	1	" Charing Cross-Folkestone-Dover- Deal.
Seville	55	45	K 12/12	Cravens	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	" They were remodelled as Composite cars from 1933, with 12F+14T seating.
Glencoe	50	49	P 1/14	Cravens	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	26F	40	-/(B)/H	4/2A	LB&SCR car, but with cut back vestibules like the SE&CR cars, for Eastbourne and Newhaven services,
Hibernia	51	51	K 1/14	Cravens	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	16F	40	-/(B)/H	4/2A	" all were used on the SE&CR during WW1 for VIP's and Military staff.
Orpheus	53	53	K 2/14	Cravens	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	16F	40	-/(B)/H	4/2A	" Apart from GLENCOE they were remodelled as Composite cars in 1933, with 12F+16T seating.
Scotia	54	54	P 1/14	Cravens	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	26F	40	-/(B)/H	4/2A	" Scotia remodelled from Parlour to Kitchen in 1914, then Composite in 1933.
Ruby	56	56	K 3/14	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	Built for SE&CR coastal express trains via the two main routes.
Mimosa	57	50	K 3/14	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	Victoria-Margate-Ramsgate and Charing Cross-Folkestone-Dover-Deal.
Daphne	58	58	K 3/14	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	31	(A)/G	1	" RUBY & DAPHNE were remodelled to Composite in 1933, MIMOSA in 1935, with 12F+14T seating.
Topaz	59	59	P 3/14	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	24F	31	(A)/G	1	" TOPAZ remained as First class. Preserved at the NRM York.
Hawthorne	60	60	K 3/14	BRC&W	8	cut back	57'6 x 8'7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	19F	32	(A)/G	1	" HAWTHORNE was remodelled as Composite in 1933.
Fair Maid of Perth	61	62	DC 5/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	12F 18T	42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	-	-	These 10 cars were built for the 20 year Caledonian Railway services contract of 1913. Three cars were built as Dining cars for the Glasgow to Aberdeen service, There were also six Kitchen cars, with four, later five, used on the Glasgow to Edinburgh service. The unique Observation car was built for the scenic Glasgow to Oban service. All cars were used singly, apart from on the occasional rugby specials, when six or seven cars were used, together with an LNWR brake coach. They all entered service in June 1914 but soon the outbreak of the First World War (1914-1918) intervened and questions were raised in Parliament as to why men working in railway catering were not serving at the front. In consequence the CR's own four Dining cars were withdrawn in February 1916, being replaced by Pullman cars, then running across the border to Carlisle for the first time. All the CR Pullman services until 1919..
Flora Macdonald	62	61	DC 5/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	12F 18T	42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	-	-	
Lass O' Gowrie	63	52	DC 5/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	12F 18T	42 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	-	-	
Mary Beaton	64	57	K 7/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Mary Hamilton	65	55	K 5/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Mary Seaton	66	64	K 7/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Annie Laurie	67	63	K 6/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Helen MacGregor	68	66	K 5/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Mary Carmichael	69	67	K 8/14	Cravens	12	elliptical	63'10 x 9	21F 18T	43	-	-	
Maid of Morven	70	65	Obs 7/14	Cravens	8	elliptical	59'4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> x 8'11	23F	40	-	-	

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Stella	71	87	P 3/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	20F	31	(D)	1		ex SER "Folkestone Car Train" car, 3 <sup>RD</sup> 204 condemned 14/4/28, number reused for BELINDA. ex SER "Folkestone Car Train" car, 1 <sup>ST</sup> 171. All these cars were used singly by Pullman.
Tulip	72	79	P 3/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 8'4	20F	31	(D)	1		
Dorothy	73	80	P 3/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	24F	30	(D)	1		
Thistle	74	81	K 1919	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	16F	29	(D)	1		
Hilda	75	82	K 11/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	24F	30	(D)	1		
Venus	76	83	P 1919	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	24F	30	(D)	1		
Dora	77	84	P 11/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	20F	30	(D)	1		
Albatross	78	85	K 11/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	16F	29	(D)	1		
Mabel	79	86	P 11/19	Pullman	8	clerestory	56'1 x 8'5	20F	31	(D)	1		
TC2 ex Victoria	80	73	K 1915	Pullman	8	clerestory	59'3 x 9'9	56T	31	-	2		LB&SCR 1881 clerestory car remodelled to 3 <sup>rd</sup> class..
TC5	81	68	K 1917	Pullman	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'6	52T	40	-/H/S	4/2A		LB&SCR car, but with cut back vestibule, usually paired with a 1 <sup>st</sup> class car to Brighton or Eastbourne.
TC6	82	69	K 1917	Pullman	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'6	52T	40	-/H/S	4/2A		"
TC7	83	70	K 1917	Pullman	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'6	52T	40	-/H/S	4/2A		"
TC8	84	71	K 1917	Pullman	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'6	52T	40	-/H/S	4/2A		"
Carmen	85	88	K 5/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	16F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 32. Destroyed 1927 Sevenoaks crash, number reused for NILAR.
Constance	86	89	K 3/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 33. All these cars were used singly by Pullman.
Diana	87	105	K 6/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	16F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 34.
Dolphin	88	103	P 6/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 35.
Falcon	89	104	P 5/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 36.
Figaro	90	90	K 5/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50 x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	16F	30	(C)	0		ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 47.
Cadiz	91	91	P 3/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A		SE&CR boat train cars, longer by one seating bat than previous SE&CR cars, and with 12 wheels.
Malaga	92	92	K 4/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A		" The Kitchen cars had a very large Kitchen/Pantry, capable of supplying a whole vestibule train of
Monaco	93	93	K 6/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A		" SE&CR cars.
Neptune	94	94	K 7/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A		"
Sunbeam	95	95	P 6/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A	1	"
Sylvia	96	96	P 4/21	Pullman	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A	2	"
Calais	97	97	P 1/21	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A	3	"
Milan	98	98	P 1/21	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A	4	"
Padua	99	99	P 1/21	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	27F	40	(B)/H	4/2A	5	"
Palmyra	100	100	K 1/21	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A	6	"
Portia	101	101	K 10/20	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A	7	"
Rosalind	102	102	K 1/21	BRC&W	12	cut back	63'6 x 8'7	16F	42	(B)/H	4/2A	8	"
Dolphin	88	103	P 6/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50' x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20F	30	(C)	0	9	Ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 35. P&CIWL Newsletter 9 has more information than Coupe News 88.
Falcon	89	104	P 5/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50' x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	20F	30	(C)	0	10	Ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 36. P&CIWL Newsletter 10 has more information than Coupe News 89.
Diana	87	105	K 6/20	Pullman	8	clerestory	50' x 8'4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	16F	30	(C)	0	11	Ex SER "Hastings Car Train" car 34. P&CIWL Newsletter 11 has more information than Coupe News 87.

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Albion	103	118	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	24	<p>These 20 Kitchen cars were built for GER service, 10 each by BRC&amp;W + Clayton Wagons, 5 x 1<sup>st</sup> and 5 x 3<sup>rd</sup> class. Clayton's, the smaller company, completed theirs first, between Oct 20 and Apr 21. The cars were used either singly or in 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> pairs. For the two principle boat trains, the final two 3<sup>rd</sup>s were completed as 2<sup>nd</sup> class instead, one on the Hook the other on the Antwerp. So that each train had a 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> class pair initially, but by Oct 21 the Hook 2<sup>nd</sup> was replaced by another 1<sup>st</sup>. The Antwerp lost its 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1923, leaving just the one 1<sup>st</sup>. After the grouping the GER services continued much as before until 7<sup>th</sup> April 1924. Then only the Pullman boat train services remained, with just 4 x 1<sup>st</sup> class cars, two on the Hook, one on the Antwerp, plus a spare kept at Liverpool Street station. This situation continued until WW2 when all GE section Pullman services ended. In 1924 Ansonia &amp; Arcadia were rebuilt as 16 seat 1<sup>st</sup> BP's for the Harrogate Pullman, Bradford section. TC46 &amp; 57 were also rebuilt for the train, but as 18 seat 3<sup>rd</sup> BP's. For the Sheffield Pullman TC40 &amp; 41 were also rebuilt in 1924, but as 30 seat 3<sup>rd</sup> BP's. Cambria &amp; Catania were rebuilt as 16 seat 1<sup>st</sup> BP's c1925/6 for the new West Riding Pullman. In 1927 Nevada, Atlanta &amp; Columbia were transferred to the LMS (Sc). Numbers 105-107 were then reused for replacement Marcelle, Sybil &amp; Kathleen. In 1929 the 7 car West Riding Pullman was officially composed of all ex GER cars. From 1931 Ansonia &amp; Arcadia were used at either end of the "Eastern Belle", but in 1934 were remodelled to 3<sup>rd</sup>s TC94 &amp; 95 for the train. The 1<sup>st</sup> class section then used a separate ex GER 1<sup>st</sup>, either Albion, Alexandra or Corsair, until the end in 1939. In 1930's TC45/7 &amp; 56 worked as LNER Restaurant Cars in Scotland. In 1944 cars Albion, Alexandria, Cambria, Catania, Corsair, Third Class CAR No.56, 57, Car No.46, 44, 43 &amp; 42 were sold to the LNER and became Departmental stock. In 1931 CAR No.40, 41 were relocated to the Southern Railway and allocated to the Bournemouth Belle. In 1947 CAR No.45, 47, 94 &amp; 95 were relocated to the Southern Railway. Note: The Bournemouth Belle used 'K' type cars, plus brakes from 1936-39, and also in 1946.</p>
Alexandra	104	138	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	25	
Nevada	-	174	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	*	
Atlanta	-	199	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	*	
Columbia	-	201	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	*	
Ansonia	108	108	K 1/21	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	14	
Arcadia	109	109	K 11/20	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	15	
Cambria	110	119	K 1/21	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	16	
Catania	111	120	K 1/21	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	17	
Corsair	112	126	K 11/20	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	21F	43	-	-	18	
TC40	113	121	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-/H	2A	19	
TC41	114	122	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-/H	2A	20	
TC42	115	123	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	21	
TC43	116	124	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	22	
TC44	117	125	K 9/21	BRC&W	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	23	
TC45	118	117	K 11/20	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-/H	2A	*	
TC46	119	110	K 11/20	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	*	
TC47	120	106	K 11/20	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-/H	2A	12	
TC57 ex SC1	121	107	K 2/21	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	13	
TC56 ex SC2	122	173	K 2/21	Clayton	12	elliptical	63'10 x 8'9	47T	42 <sup>1/4</sup>	-	-	*	
Lady Nairne	138	142	DC 6/22	MRC&W	8	elliptical	57'10 x 8'7	12F 18T	32 <sup>1/2</sup>	-	-	27	<p>Caledonian Railway cars built on the chassis of an ex GWR WW1 Ambulance car. " Both cars initially used on the Glasgow to Aviemore service.</p>
Bonnie Jean	139	143	DC 6/22	MRC&W	8	elliptical	57'10 x 8'7	12F 18T	32 <sup>1/2</sup>	-	-	28	
TC24	142	139	P 1922	Pullman	8	elliptical	58'3 x 8'7	47T	31	-	2	26	LB&SCR car built on the chassis of an ex L&YR WW1 Ambulance car.
Lass O' Ballochmyle	158	144	DC 5/23	Clayton	8	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	12F 21T	39 <sup>1/2</sup>	-	-	29	<p>All three built for LMS (Sc) service, to providing a noon Glasgow to Aberdeen service, plus a new service " over the G&amp;SWR lines to Ayr and also Turnberry during the summer months. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kitchen for the Glasgow to Oban service until 1927, then transferred to the LNER as TC CAR No.27.</p>
Mauchline Belle	159	145	DC 5/23	Clayton	8	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	12F 21T	39 <sup>1/2</sup>	-	-	30	
TC80	160	146	K 5/23	Clayton	8	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	39T	39	-	-	31	
TC50	(17)	147	K 6/23	Clayton	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	32T	44	-/H	4/2A	32	<p>Both cars built for GER service but used on the 1923 L&amp;NER Harrogate Pullman instead. Both cars relocated to the Southern Railway, in 1927 became 3<sup>rd</sup>s TC17 &amp; TC19.</p>
TC51	(19)	150	K 6/23	Clayton	12	cut back	63'10 x 8'7	32T	44	-/H	4/2A	33	

## Explanation of terms used within the table.

### Schedule Number.

**Pre 1960** = Schedule number as first allocated; Numbers in brackets indicate that they are not the cars original number.

**Post 1960** = Following the identification that the list of schedule numbers detailed at Preston Park Works, Brighton differed to the list held at Head Office in London.

A review was undertaken and the Post 1960 list was collated and issued to both Preston Park Works and Head Office.

**Type.** (Letters to indicate a cars basic function, all cars had some seating).

**K** = Car with seating and Kitchen (before 1932 known as Buffet cars);

**P** = Parlour car, with seating only, no kitchen;

**GP** = Parlour car fitted with guards compartment and brake control wheel;

**BP** = As GP but with the guards compartment contained within an additional luggage compartment with large sliding doors;

**D** = Boat train cars with dining chairs in 1<sup>st</sup> class;

**DC** = Similar to D but mixed class, used in Scotland.

### Roof Styles.

**Clerestory** = Early cars with Clerestory roof (a raised central section with windowed sides);

**Elliptical** = Cars without the Clerestory, whose body the same width over its full length, including vestibules;

**Cut-back** = Cars with vestibules narrower than the main body.

### Dimensions.

Length over vestibule ends, excluding gangway connections and buffers. Data mostly quoted from 'Pullman in Europe' except where contradicted by original data or drawings that have come to light.

**SE&CR Type** = Code letter used to match cars with similar physical characteristics, length, width, weight, wheels, gangways etc in order to make up train formations.

**SE&CR Route Restriction** = This code was required to differentiate which cars could run over the different SE&CR lines, that often crossed over each other, due to the intense historical rivalry between the forerunners of the SE&CR, the LC&DR and the SER.

**Newsletter Edition Column** = \* Denotes that the car has not been featured todate.

### Note.

This Digest is a brief guide, as more detailed information, often including photographs and drawings, can be found in the relevant later editions of either Coupe News or Pullman & CIWL News.